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Libby City Council
Attn: Dan Thede
952 East Spruce Street
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Dear Mayor Berget and City Council Members:

I am writing this letter to outline the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) plan for response and support of the upcoming irrigation system installation at Riverside Park.

As stated in Jim Christiansen's April 2004 letter to the City of Libby, EPA has agreed to assist the City of Libby with the installation of an irrigation system. EPA has agreed to contribute a reasonable portion of the installation charge to the city, in lieu of construction assistance when the following have been completed:

- The City of Libby will submit irrigation plans to EPA prior to installation. These plans must be final and must include location and depth of irrigation lines, location of sprinkler heads, and show any above- and below-ground structures.
- The City of Libby will submit a construction schedule for irrigation installation.
- The City of Libby will submit copies of three bids from the potential contractors.

When this information has been submitted, EPA will credit the City of Libby's selected contractor in the amount of \$2,500.00. This will be paid directly to the installation contractor.

EPA had previously provided the City of Libby with a map of Riverside Park, complete with average depths of excavation and areas where contamination was left behind. During the installation process, EPA contractors will be available to assist the City of Libby if contamination is encountered. Prior to the start of the work, EPA contractors will meet with the irrigation contractor to discuss identification of contamination. EPA will provide a contact person who will be "on-call" in the event that contamination is encountered. EPA response to the discovery of contamination will vary depending on the situation.

As was stated in EPA's previous correspondence, we are aware that contamination still exists on the embankment areas on the north and south sides of City Service Road, and a small area on the west side of Highway 37. EPA has plans to address these areas once a Record of Decision for the Libby Asbestos Site is complete.

Once you have the irrigation plans, the construction schedule, and the bids packages prepared, please contact me at the EPA Information Center in Libby at 406-293-6194. I will be your contact person for the project. You can also contact Peggy Churchill with any questions at 303-312-6137.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Cirian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and a long, sweeping tail.

Michael Cirian, PE
Remedial Project Manager